

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6791

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Human Services & Corrections, February 07, 2008

**Title:** An act relating to clarifying permitted uses of moneys currently collected under the county legislative authority sales and use tax for chemical dependency or mental health treatment programs and services or therapeutic courts.

**Brief Description:** Clarifying permitted uses of moneys currently collected under the county legislative authority sales and use tax for chemical dependency or mental health treatment programs and services or therapeutic courts.

**Sponsors:** Senators Hargrove, Stevens and Marr.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Human Services & Corrections: 2/7/08 [DPS].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6791 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Hargrove, Chair; Regala, Vice Chair; Stevens, Ranking Minority Member; Brandland, Carrell, Marr and McAuliffe.

**Staff:** Kevin Black (786-7747)

**Background:** In 2005 the Legislature passed E2SSB 5763 which gave county legislative authorities permission to impose a sales and use tax of one tenth of 1 percent for the purpose of providing new or expanded chemical dependency or mental health treatment services and for the operation of new or expanded therapeutic court programs.

**Summary of Bill (Recommended Substitute):** This bill clarifies that monies collected under the sales and use tax authorized by E2SSB 5763 may be used for the operation or delivery of programs and services. Monies collected by the sales and use tax may be used to replace lapsed federal funding previously provided for the operation or delivery of chemical dependency or mental health treatment services and programs.

**EFFECT OF CHANGES MADE BY HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE (Recommended Substitute):** Clarifies that housing which is a component of a coordinated chemical dependency or mental health treatment program is a permitted use of moneys collected through the sales and use tax.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.